

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A patch for applying a medication to an acupoint of a patient's body, the patch having an inner surface for application to the skin of a patient and an outer surface, comprising:

a lining layer, to protect said medication, the lining layer having an inner surface and an outer surface;

a storage layer comprising the medication, wherein the storage layer is disposed in communication with the inner surface of the lining layer, and wherein the medication comprises a mixture of extracts of each of four selected herbs, wherein the selected herbs are Ligusticum, Salvia root, Tangkuei, and chrysanthemum, and wherein the extracts are prepared according to the following process:

- (i) providing the selected herb;
 - (ii) adding pure water to the selected herb;
 - (iii) extracting components of the selected herb in three cycles, wherein each cycle is performed for one and one-half hours;
 - (iv) filtering the water and the selected herb, thereby obtaining a filtrate and an herbal remainder;
 - (v) concentrating the filtrate;
 - (vi) cooling the concentrated filtrate to about 30° Celsius;
 - (vii) atomizing the concentrated filtrate; and
 - (viii) drying the concentrated filtrate, thereby obtaining the extract of the selected herb; and
- a self-stick material on the inner surface of the patch.

2. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 1, further comprising a non-sticking protection layer, releasably affixed to the inner surface of the patch.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled).

5. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~medication further~~ self-stick material comprises a polyacrylic adhesive.

6. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~medication~~ storage layer further comprises nitrogen ketone.

Claims 7-11 (canceled).

12. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the lining layer is a silk lining plated with aluminum.

Claims 13-16 (canceled).

17. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the medication comprises: between 5 mg and 50 mg of the extract of Ligusticum; between 5 mg and 50 mg of the extract of Salvia root; between 5 mg and 50 mg of the extract of Tangkuei, and between 5 mg and 50 mg of the extract of chrysanthemum.

Claim 18 (canceled).

19. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the storage layer comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, further comprising a controlled release layer ~~disposed~~ in communication with the inner surface of the storage layer for controllably releasing the medication into the patient's body.

20. (Currently amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~medication further~~ self-stick material comprises a pressure-sensitive latex.

21. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 17, wherein said mixture comprises: 19 mg of Ligusticum; 17 mg of Salvia root; 11 mg of Tangkuei, and 33 mg of chrysanthemum.